

House File 548 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 274)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to continuous quality improvement for the care
2 of individuals with stroke.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.191 Stroke care — continuous
2 quality improvement.

3 1. The department and the university of Iowa college of
4 public health, department of epidemiology, shall coordinate
5 efforts to achieve continuous quality improvement in the care
6 provided for persons with stroke as follows:

7 a. Maintain a statewide stroke database that compiles
8 information and statistics on stroke care which align with
9 nationally recognized stroke consensus metrics.

10 b. Utilize a nationally recognized data set platform with
11 confidentiality standards consistent with federal and state law
12 and other health information and data collection, storage, and
13 sharing requirements of the department.

14 c. Coordinate with national voluntary health organizations
15 involved in stroke care quality improvement to avoid
16 duplication and redundancy.

17 d. Require nationally certified comprehensive stroke
18 centers and nationally certified primary stroke centers, and
19 encourage nationally certified acute stroke-ready hospitals and
20 emergency medical services agencies, to report data consistent
21 with nationally recognized guidelines on the treatment of
22 individuals with confirmed cases of stroke within the state.

23 2. All data and information collected under this section
24 shall be made available to the Iowa stroke task force to
25 facilitate a collaborative, inclusive statewide stroke care
26 system and to identify evidence-based practices to guide
27 prevention, acute care, recovery, and rehabilitation efforts
28 in order to produce measurable improvements in outcomes for
29 persons with stroke.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the department of public health (DPH) and
34 the university of Iowa college of public health, department
35 of epidemiology, to coordinate efforts to achieve continuous

1 quality improvement in the care of persons with stroke. These
2 efforts include maintaining a statewide stroke database that
3 compiles information and statistics on stroke care which
4 align with nationally recognized stroke consensus metrics;
5 utilizing a nationally recognized data set platform with
6 confidentiality standards consistent with federal and state
7 law and other health information and data collection, storage,
8 and sharing requirements of the department; coordinating with
9 national voluntary health organizations involved in stroke care
10 quality improvement to avoid duplication and redundancy; and
11 requiring nationally certified comprehensive stroke centers and
12 nationally certified primary stroke centers, and encouraging
13 nationally certified acute stroke-ready hospitals and
14 emergency medical services agencies, to report data consistent
15 with nationally recognized guidelines on the treatment of
16 individuals with confirmed cases of stroke within the state.

17 The bill also directs that all data and information
18 collected under the bill be made available to the Iowa stroke
19 task force to facilitate a collaborative, inclusive stroke
20 care system to produce measurable improvements in outcomes for
21 persons with stroke.